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Boers Drive the British From Colesburg District.

Unknown Force of Enemy Near British Line of Communication.

London, Feb 14, 4.20 a. m .- The sews of the day is enforced retire ment of the British from the Colesberg district, under heavy Boer pressue and probably after brisk aghting. Thue, at a time when Lord Roberts is apparently about to push an ermy into the Free State, the ere make a counter stroke in un known but seemingly great force not far from the vital line of railway

connecting DeAar and Orange river Military observers do not regard this as more than a menace Nevertheless, the news produces an nalessant impression here Gen French had manouevered the Boers out of Reneburg in December On Joe let it was reported that he could take Colesburg in two days with rein forcements These were sent, but the Boere aled were reinforced Since then the British lines have been extended east and west, so that at the opening of this week they constituted a great horseshoe, 25 miles in length The lines were not continuous but all the strong posi tions were beld.

Gen French when he joined Lord bases Roberts, presumably took most of On Monday Gen French, with the De Larey with a double turning movement has compelled the British to concentrate at Reneburg besides threatening Lord Roberts communi

The Boer meetery of the district as caused a spread of the insurrec tion, but this, no doubt, will be promptly represed, as large British forces are a vailable not far away.

The indications as to Gen Buller's mediate intentions are contradio tory Que informant, who has inti mate relations with the war office, predicts a movement within the next two days A number of correspond to who have been with Gen Buller, nowever, have gone to Durban for a few days rest, under the impression that nothing is to be done immediate.

The war office has directed the Bight division of 10,000 men to prepere to go out

London, Feb 13 -The cessation of war news from South Africa is taken to indicate that the British preparations for a move from Modder river are about completed and that import ant events can be anticipated within a few days Interest centres almost wholly upon Field Marshal Roberts, especially since Gen Buller's report of bie withdrawal from Vaal Krantz came, for the first time, through Lord Roberts, showing that all the differ ent operations over the wide field will berereafter be completely coor dinated. It is now known that the military attaches have gone to join rd Roberts at the Modder river,

...other move preluding an advance A dispatch from the Modder river announces the arrival there of 1,400 refugees from the Barkly West dis trict They had been ordered away by the Boers because they refused to join the republicans The refugees reached the Modder river, via Koo doosberg It is learned that 200 Boers were killed or wounded during Gen MacDonald's reconnaissance There is no confirmation of the re ported sortie of British troops from Ladysmith nor of the Boer outflank ing movement.

A report comes from Durban that British artillery forced the Boers to evacuate their camp on Hlangwana hill, south of Colenso

The absence of Gen French from the Rensburg district seems to have given the Boers an opportunity for renewed activity They have appa reutly commenced an extended attack on the British lines and are meeting with minor successes which are having considerable moral effect on the border coloniers.

The Boer invasion of Zuiuland is causing keen axiety Apart from the fact that it threatens Gen Buller's

itary foes

the Boers in Europe, in regard to the and ammunitions across the river." probable course the Boers would pursue in the event of his capture Dr Leyds sesured the intermediaries that the Boers did not intend to kill Mr Rhodes, but he added they would certainly hold him as a hostage until the indemity for the Jameson raid was paid In view of the develop. mente since the raid, the Boers have also decided to double the amount of the indemnity demanded, so Mr.

Rhodes' friends will have to hand over \$10,000,000 before he is released. It is also learned definitely that Dr Jameson is still at Ladysmith, in spite of the conflicting reports.

A semi official paragraph published in the Globe this afternoon says Germany does not contemplate inter-

The German government, it is added, does not consider itself concerned in the future status or in the existence of the Boer republics.

Roberts' Army Moving in Two Sections.

London, Feb 15, 4 20 a m -The British army, for the first time since the war began, is inside the Boer slight opposition and his losses were frontier. Lord Roberts with the least 40,000 infantry, 7,000 cavalry and 150 guus, has turned the Magersfon. tein lines before which the British forces have been encamped for ten the north bank of the Reit, at Waterweeks and, with half of his corps, he territory

A battle has not yet been fought, but large tactical advantages have been gained The relief of Kimber ley is within measurable reach, and the way to Bloemfontein is appreciably easier

The dispatches of Lord Roberts eketch three days' work The forward movement began on Sunday. when Col Hannay set out with a

south of Jacobedal and 18 miles east Honey Nest kloof He skirmished with the Boers and cleared the way for 20,000 infantry who followed

Gen French has now fixed himself ou Gen Cropje's main line of com munications with Bloemfontein and and 20,000 infantry, with 72 guns, are being pushed up to support him

from inside the Free State and on the Reit river, left him Wednesday morn His advance had not been op posed by the Boers in force. Their moved forward. The Boer army is likely to be felt in a day or two and a battle is consequently immi-

As to what forces Gen Cronje has now at his disposal and as to where he purposes making a stand against the invaders no one here connected with the war office knows anything The data for conceptions are wholly wanting.

The forces immediately at the disdisposal of Lord Roberts are placed at 50,000 in a general way The in cidents at Reneburg have been seen out of all proportion. Merely skele ton lines were maintained there while troops were being secretly and rapid ly concentrated on the Modder river. The facility with which 30,000 men have already been sent beyond the rail terminus shows that Lord Kitchener has been fully successful in organizing transport He is now sup posed to be down the line, sending forward more troops and getting to gether more transports. About five miles of ox and mule wagon trains are estimated for each division, so that Lord Kitchener, who is reput ed to have more skill than a circus manager in managing field transport, has immense labors in hand

ACTIVE ABOUT LADYSMITH. London, Feb 15 -The Daily Tele graph has received the following dated Tuesday from its special correspondent

On Sunday the Boers advanced dows the Ladgemith road toward Potgieter's Three bundred men on horse back, with others, proceeded to a point where they began to construct new trenches of right angles to the road. This was about two miles porth of the

Tugels, now very low, about six miles Boers is a contingency the Buers seem ridge where they afforded a spleudid below Porgieter's drift, where they to have anticipated, as they have been mark for the British guas, which show sniped the South African Light Horse, doing everything to their power to win ered shrapnel upon the retreating who repulsed them.

supplies, it is difficult to believe that lous about their positions. They have the British let loose one tribe, the but the order did not arrive in time e Zulus can long be kept quiescent been throwing up defensive works from Boers will probably let loose another, and the experience was very warm, while their cattle are confiscated and Triebardt's drift and the Spion Kop The war office has issued orders for although the Boers did little material their country overrun by their hered range eastward to the Hlanwana and the formation of twenty one new bat- damage As Gen French, with the

becoming alarmed at his possible three, wooden bridges spanning the yesterday for two hours. It will meet beleaguering Beers deserting their posifate and have sent an emissary to see Tugela in the bend, and a wire rope Dr Leyde, the diplomatic agent of apparatus for the conveyance of food

SKIRMISH AT SPRINGFIELD.

London, Feb 14, 11 35 p. m.—The war office has issued the following message from Lord Roberts, received this evening :

"Dekiel's drift, Feb 14, 8.10 a. m. General French left this point at 11.30 yesterday morning with three brigades of cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, including several colonial contingents in order to seize a crossing of the Modder, distant about 25 miles. He reports by dispatch dated 5 35 p. m, that he has forced a passage of Clip drift and occupied the hills porth of the river, capturing three of the enemy's langers with their supplies, while General Gordon, of the Fifteenth Hussars, with his brigade who had made a feint at Rondeval drift, four miles went, has seized it and a second drift between that and Clip drift, together with two more langers.

"General French's performance is brilliant, owing to the excessive heat and a blinding dust stormt which raged during the latter part of the day.

"Owing to the rapidity of his movements, General French met with but small. Lieutenant Johnson, of the Inciskilling Dragoons, is the only offi ger reported severely wounded

"The Sixth division was last night on val drit and is moving to support the is already operating on Free State cavalry. The Seventh division is here and will go on this afternoon.

"Four officere and 53 men had to be sent last evening in the returning ox wagons to the railway line prostrated by heat and exhaustion."

BRITISH LOSSES TO DATE. London, Feb 14 .- The total British casualty returns up to tonight are ; Officers killed 152; wounded 380; brigade of mounted infantry for missing 112; men killed 1,477; Ramah, on the Riet, eight miles from | wounded 5.050; missing 2.781; other Jacobedal, one of the Boer supply fatalities reported 563 Grand total 10,505

London, Feb 15 -A dispatch to The Morning Post from Chieveley the retiring enemy. A long Boer dated Tuesday, confirms the report that | wagon train in moving toward Bloem British camp on Spearman's farm The correspondent who identified the wounded Lieutenant Churchill as the brother of Winston Churchill says he was shot through the right leg

Lord Roberts dispatches wired English Encourage Zulu Savages to Rise.

London, Feb 16, 4 30 a. m - As patrols melted away as the Boers the wires are closed to correspondents with Roberts, and as nothing further from him has been communicated to the public, the military adepts spend their time in studying maps, topography and figuring out the possibilities of Lord Roberts' communications and what there is left for the Boers to do.

Gen Cronje's communications with Bloemfontein have already been out The best news England could hear would be that be elects to give battle among the low bills and ridges west of Kimberley. Should be determine not to do this, he must raise the siege of Kimberley and retreat to a point

where he would prefer to fight This retirement could be a long detour around the bead of the British advance to Bloemfontein or, as seems to military students more practical, be could withdraw to the north, using the railroad for his guns and heavy bag gage, moving to Fourteen Streames station and thence into Transvaal territory. The Boers have made no preparation to defend Bloemfontein, and there is no particular reason why Gen Cronje should risk a battle to protect the capital of the Free State

Operations elsewhere are apparently suspended. A correspondent writing from Chieveley, Feb 13, says : "We are still hopeful of relieving Ladysmith "

Col Baden Powell, in a dispatch from Mafeking, dated Jan 29, after mentioning matters already sent out by correspondents, gives his total casualties up to Jan 25 as follows : Killed, 5 officers and 60 men ; wounded, 8 officers and 123 men; missing 34 men.

No word has been received regarding Gen Gatacre's 12 000 men at Storm berg. The impression is that these forces are on the way to Lord Roberts

Mr. Chamberlain's announcement in the house of commons of the intention of the government to encourage the A party of Beers also crossed the Zulus to defend themselves from the dal they were obliged to pass over a the good will of the Basutos who have enemy. "Several other exirmishes have taken | thousands of good rifles. The Boers

Monte Cristo bille, both on this side of teries and three battalions of infantry, strengthened division pushed forward

today. This is quite unusual.

BULLER MAKES ANOTHER MOVE

Boer Head Laager, Ladyswith, Feb 12 -Since Friday everything has been quiet. The English, with their cannon, have moved towards Chieveley. They found the Boer position unassailsble on the upper Tugeia

Victorious Advance of Gen. battery of artillery shelled the environs Robert's Great Army.

'London, Feb 16, 9 15 a. m - The war office announces that Gen French river, shelling vigorously and doing reached Kimberley Thursday evening damage But strong reenforcements Following is Lord Roberts' message bave been sent bence and it is hoped to the war office:

"Jacobsdal, Feb 16, a m - Frency with a force of artillery, cavalry anh mounted infantry reached Kimberled this evening, Thursday "

London, Feb 16, 7 44 p m - The eaying:

"Jacobsdal, Feb 16 .-- The follow ing from Gen French was received tein, which the British now occupy. this morning:

" 'I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley, from Alexandersfontein to Oliphantsfontein and am now go ing to occupy their ground. Have captured the enemy's laager and store depot supplies and supplies of am munition. Casualties about 20 of all ranks wounded

" ' Kimberley cheerful and well." Gen Roberts has also sent the fol lowing dispatch :

"Jacobsdal, Feb 16 -I have good reason to believe the Magerstontein trenches have been abandoned and that the Boers are endeavoring to escape Gen French is scouring the country north of Kimberley One of Gen Kelly Kenny's bridgades of infantry is in pursuit of a large Boer convoy moving towards Bloemfontein '

London, Feb 17, 4 45 a m —Gen Cronje with a start of a day or two. is seemingly in full retreat from Lord dynamite and ammunition cavalry, but Commandment Cavalry division seized the crossing BOERS OCCUPY OLD BRITISH Roberts, moving northward Gen RIOTS IN MARTINIQUE. stayed over night in Kimberley and then pushed on to get in touch with parties of Boers have occupied the old fontein, followed presumably by a large force of British infantry In their hasty departure the Boers lost

> Military opinion here is that Lord Boers immediately because of trans port problems and the need of whole Kimberley population He must rebuild the railway from Mod der river town to Kimberley and re victual the latter

> Gen French lost a few men only in action, but the forced marches and heat have probably made many ill Numbers of remounts must be pro

Lord Roberts has wrought a gen uine preliminary success and the im pression is that he has done enough for the present He will need to prepare for another strike

All over England tonight there have been evidences of public joy In every theatre and public meeting around the railway stations and in the streets there have been gladness and jubilation over the news The papers are editorially rejoicing

Those who read the news closely see only one disturbing factor in the Cape situation and that is the pres sure of the Boers toward Lord Rob erts line of supply through DeAar which was never more important than now. The Boers under Com mandants Delarey and Gobier are making a persistent effort to penetrate to the railway They have pushed Gen Clements back to Arun del and have outflanked him. All are within 60 miles, or two days' march of the Central railway. Doubt less Lord Roberts has left forces along the line and can send back more if necessary

In the bouse of commons last evening it was rumored Gen Buller had again crossed the Tugela

OCCUPATION OF JACOBSDAL

Outside Jacobsdat, O. F. S., Thursday, Feb 15 - The road between Modder river and Jacobsdal is now open The distance is only nice miles. The road is available for sending reenforce ments and supplies.

When the Boers evacuated Jacobs-

The convoy which was attacked at place, and the Boers are evidently anx gave 2,000 Basutos a safe conduct. If Riet river had been countermanded, The friends of Ceoil Rhodes are the Tugels. They have also two if not | The cabinet council was in session toward Kumberley, he found the

tion at Alexandersfontein, thus allowing a portion of the Kimberley garrison to occupy and entrench the place Outside Jacobsdal, O F. S., Thurs-

day, Feb 15 -Jacobsdal is now in possession of the British Yesterday a small cavalry patrol entered the place and found it fall of wounded, including several British from Rensburg. The place was only occupied by a small force, which fell back before the patrol, after a series of small skirmishes. A and drove out the last of the Boers. Early tis morning a large force of Boers from Colosberg with 10 guns, attacked a convoy of 200 wagons at the Riet they will bring in the whole convoy in

Gen French's division seized three drifts on the Modder river. At the third drift the Boers were fairly strongly entrenched. Gen French bombard war office makes public a dispatch ed them and drove them off Today from Field Marshai Lord Roberts be moved rapidly in the direction of Kimberley.

The Boers have left Alexandersfon-Gen Roberts is in excellent bealth and spirits. The bardships and rapid marching appear to agree with the whole army, who are in splendid spirits under the leadership of "Bobs."

ACTIVITY AT COLENSO

London, Feb 17 - The Pietermaritz burg correspondent of The Daily Mail, under date of Feb 15:h, says : "There are indications of a decisive movement committee-John W Simpson, Sparat Colenso

"I hear that the Boers rely on their entrenchments and barbed wire entanglement along the principal roads to check Lord Roberts' progress into the rie, Charlotte, and JS Brice, York. Free State The roads to Ladysmith are studded with these formidable shaw, Charlotte, and F C Manning, barriers "

A British scouting column blew up the contents of the magazine at Nkandkala, Zululand, to prevent its falling into the hands of the Boers. The magazine contained a large supply of

French Socialists Safe in Paris Encouraging Negroes to Murder.

quantities of supplies and ammuni- Fort de France, Martinique, Feb 13, via Haitien Cable -The riotous dis turbances in this, island continue A Roberts will not push far after the house was burned yesterday at Des champs and today there were risings at several points A mob of about rest for the troops. He has to feed 1,200 rioters invaded La Mentin and 70,000 persons in his army and the La Soudor, where they obstructed the thoroughfares to such an extent that travelers were barely able to pass when accompanied by gendermes.

Some 300 rioters occupy Morne pavilion and there is an uprising at Riviere Salee, which has no troops to protect it

A numerous hand of rioters has assembled at the La Dilon tron works, four kilometres from bere.

A dispatch from Paris announcing that M. Rene Viviani, the Socialist member of the chamber of deputies, has asked for 50,000 france for the benefit of the strikers, has caused a painful impression among the planters.

The board of arbitrators has granted an increase of wages of 25 per cent. The cane crop is abundant but the recent events render work impossible and the loss will be large.

Bloodhounds on Fiend's Trail

Edgefield, February 16 -Last night message was received here from Trenton that Will Burt, the negro who committed the crimical assault on Mrs Weeks, of Aiken County, had, by the aid of bloodhounds, been run down and located in a swamp three miles east of that town

A large party went to the scene and an all night search was made, but so far the fiend has evaded capture Parties with dogs are continuing the hunt today, but it seems that nothing definite of the negro's whereabouts is known The chances are that he will get away

Washington, Feb 13 - The National American Woman's Suffrage Associa tion today elected Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the association for the ensuing year, has succeed Susan B Anthony, who to been active in the battle for woman suffrage for nearly balf a century and broken. The engineer had a miracudeclined a re elec is n to : ffice

Bridge Over Wateree River Swept Away.

Camden, Feb 13 .- The Seaboard Air Line temporary bridge over the Wateree River was swept away at 11.45 this morning. The bridge had been in danger ever since yesterday morning Great apprehension was felt that when it gave away that it would carry with it the iron passenger bridge a few hundred yards below. The only thing that saved the iron bridge was that the wooden bridge gave away before the river got any bigher, it being 231 feet, which allowed room enough for most of the timbers to pass under the iron bridge. Some of the timbers are lodged against the iron bridge, but workmen are now trying to remove them, and the danger is practically over About three fourths of the railroad bridge was swept away. This will, of course, greatly delay the completion of the Seaboard Air Line extension.

CAROLINA TELEPHONES.

Charlotte, N. C , Feb 15 -The Independent Telephone association of the Carolinas was organized here today and the following officers elected:

President, W B Moore, of Yorkville, S C; vice presidents, C Edwin Fleming, of Spartanburg, S C, and R D Babington Gastonia; secretary, J C Mills, Rutherfordton; tressurer, J A Martin, Hickory Executive tanburg, S C; E L Moore, Dillon, S C; J A Helvin, Charlotte; Dr M C Hunter, Stanley Creek; A C Shuford, Newton; attorneys, T C Guth. ville, S C; electricians, C E Brad-Sumter, S C

The organization represents 3,466 independent telepones and 1,479 miles of toll lines in North and South Carolina

BIG FRENCH VICTORY.

Paris, Feb 15 .- M De Crais, minister of the colonies has received a telegram from the governor of the French Congo, M. H De Lamothe, announcing the defeat in battle of Rabah, the principal chieftain of the central Soudan by a French expedition under M Gentel.

The French have been fighting his power for years, and today's dispatch announces his overthrow He was strongly entrenched at Kouna, between the French Congo and Lake Tchad, which is the objective of all French expeditions. Kouna was defended by 12,000 men with 2,500 rifles and three cannon

After a desperate fight the French demolished the fortress. Two of Rabah's cannon were destroyed by the French shells. Rabab, who was wounded during the fight, fled eix hours before its conclusion

The commander of the French expedition, however, admits that practically half of his own force was placed hors du combat Forty three Senegalese sharpshooters were killed and four Europeans, including Capt Robillot and 106 Senegaiese were

The commander of the expedition reports that Rabah is completely demoralized by his losses, estimated at between 2,000 and 3 000 killed

Louisville, Feb 16 -The Democratic legislature will adjourn to Frankfort This conclusion was reached today, but a quorum not being in the senate prevented the carrying out of this plan. Both houses met today and adjourned until tomorrow There will be a quorum, it is expected, tomorrow, when a concurrent resolution will be passed to resume sessions at Frakfort.

Cioton, February 16 .- A through freight train was wrecked on the Georgis, Carolina and Northern this morning about six miles north of Clinton near Renno It ran off an embankment, completely overturning the engine and demolishing 17 cars toaded with merebandise and fertilizers. One load of mules escaped uninjured, being on the rear end of the train The caboose and several cars were not derailed thereby saving the life of the conductor and flagman The fireman was killed outright and found beneath the wreck. A brakeman was tbrown from the top of a car and badly injured, being bruised internally and a leg

